COMMITTEE REPORT

MADAM PRESIDENT:

The Senate Committee on Health and Provider Services, to which was referred House Bill No. 1681, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that said bill be AMENDED as follows:

1	Page 1, delete lines 1 through 17.
2	Page 2, delete lines 1 through 17.
3	Page 2, between lines 35 and 36, begin a new paragraph and insert:
4	SECTION 2. IC 21-12-6-14, AS ADDED BY P.L.168-2007,
5	SECTION 8, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
6	JULY 1, 2009]: Sec. 14. (a) This section applies to a student described
7	in section 2(b) 5(b) of this chapter.
8	(b) A caseworker (as defined in IC 31-9-2-11) shall provide each
9	student to whom the caseworker is assigned information concerning the
10	program at the appropriate time for the student to receive the
11	information, and shall explain the program to the student, and shall
12	provide the student with information concerning:
13	(1) Pell grants;
14	(2) Chafee grants;
15	(3) federal supplemental grants;
16	(4) the Free Application for Federal Student Aid; and
17	(5) the state student assistance commission.
18	(c) A student who receives information under this section shall sign
19	a written acknowledgment that the student received the information.
20	The written acknowledgment must be placed in the student's case file.".

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1	Page 3, delete lines 26 through 42.
2	Page 4, delete line 1.
3	Page 4, delete lines 16 through 42.
4	Page 5, delete lines 1 through 8.
5	Page 5, between lines 34 and 35, begin a new paragraph and insert:
6	"SECTION 6. [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE] (a) The
7	department of education, the department of child services, the state
8	student assistance commission, and the commission for higher
9	education shall jointly:
10	(1) study whether there is a need for a foster care educational
11	assistance program to assist a person who received foster care
12	with educational assistance to supplement federal and state
13	educational grants and assistance programs; and
14	(2) submit a report containing recommendations to the
15	legislative council by October 1, 2009, concerning:
16	(A) whether legislation should be proposed to establish a
17	foster care education assistance program; and
18	(B) the best agency to administer a foster care education
19	assistance program.
20	The report made to the legislative council must be in an electronic
21	format under IC 5-14-6.
22	(b) This section expires December 31, 2009.".
23	Renumber all SECTIONS consecutively.
	(Reference is to HB 1681 as printed February 18, 2009.)

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

Committee Vote: Yeas 7, Nays 0.

Miller Chairperson

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